

## Assassination Probe

# Big Little Questions Unanswered

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NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — One of the biggest little unanswered questions in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of an alleged New Orleans conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy is just how long and remains unanswered.

The question is: why?

Here are the facts:

Ray L. Shaw, a telephone salesman, of considerable wealth, culture and intelligence, accused of conspiring to murder President Kennedy.

FERRY S. RUSO, a 23-year-old Baton Rouge, La., insurance salesman, says Shaw, when he met him knew as "Clay Bernard," plotted with assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie to kill Kennedy.

Shaw, an open admirer of John F. Kennedy, was managing director of the International Trade Mart here at the time of Kennedy's assassination. In his job as director, Shaw personally led the Trade Mart had every-

body who describes him as a singer, said he was looking for Ruby and saw Ruby, and J. D. Tippett — the police slain by Oswald after the assassination — together in New Orleans a week before the assassination.

Why did Russo wait three and one-half years to come forward with his information? Why did Russo not come forward when Ferrie's name was linked with Garrison's assassination investigation as early as Feb. 17?

Why did Russo wait eight days — until after Ferrie died of a brain hemorrhage in his New Orleans apartment — to volunteer his story?

WHY DID RUSO not report immediately after the assassination to the FBI, the Secret Service or others participating in the Warren Commission investigation of the assassination.

There is no record that he ever offered information or was questioned.

The same question goes unanswered with respect to Raymond Cummings and Clyde Limbaugh. Cummings, a former D.C. cab driver, told Garrison he drove Ferrie and Oswald to Ruby's night club prior to the assassination. Everyone knows — the killer of the

though, who describes him as a singer, said he was looking for Ruby and saw Ruby, and J. D. Tippett — the police slain by Oswald after the assassination — together in New Orleans a week before the assassination.

Why did Cummings and Limbaugh wait until now to come forward?

Limbaugh said in a telephone interview he did not think the information important at the time of the assassination.

## Of Oswald in Telecast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ferrie Russo, the "confidential informant" in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, said a television interviewer never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald until he was linked with the presidential assassination.

WU-TV, of New Orleans, broadcast an interview Tuesday with it made with Russo after the death of David Martin in two weeks ago. Garrison linked Ferrie as a central figure in the assassination plot.

Oswald, the assassin, was said in the interview. Ferrie said he never heard Oswald's name.

Cheney, a 15-year-old Frenchman now living in Baton Rouge, told a three-page story earlier Tuesday that he saw Lee Harvey Oswald, Ray Shaw and David Ferrie plotting to assassinate President Kennedy.

Russo also said in the interview that "Ferrie was close to Kennedy and the idea of what he was doing to Kennedy."

He frequently he (Russo) in general terms about Kennedy, especially about how easy it would be to assassinate a President of the United States because of the fact that he was so much and more or less and

question that if he and I could do it ... it could be done," Russo said in the interview.

His testimony came at a preliminary hearing where a son must show probable cause why he should be allowed to proceed with a trial against the 54-year-old retired International Trade Mart executive.

Cummings avoided Shaw and him with conspiracy.

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